

## THE REAL VALUE.

## How All Literature Is Contained in a Few Great Books.

Young people must every now and then hear it said or see it written that all the real value in literature can be put upon a small shelf—that is to say, the really important part of all that is written is contained in a very few good books, all the rest being either unimportant or different ways of saying the same things that have been said before. The statement, of course, is not true if it be taken literally. There are certainly many hundreds, perhaps thousands, of books that contain original thoughts or experiences that are truly valuable; but, generally speaking, the best part of all that has been written is to be found in a few volumes. To understand how this is possible we must remember that nearly all rules are the same as other and simpler rules. In arithmetic, for example, the whole science consists of only four simple ways of treating numbers. We can add, subtract, multiply and divide, and that is all we can do to numbers. The rest of the book is only the working out of these four rules; thus all of the arithmetic could easily be put into a little page that one could carry in the vest pocket.

All behavior, all right living, is also set forth in a few simple laws. These illustrations will show what is meant by saying that all literature is contained in a few great books. The Bible and the works of a few famous poets and essayists contain all human wisdom, and these are within the reach of every purse.—St. Nicholas.

## THE WARLIKE MOROS.

## They Prize Their Weapons and Would Rather Fight Than Eat.

An inordinate military conceit is a dominant quality of the Moro. To him there is but one measure of defeat—to wit, annihilation. If beaten, he expects nothing less; if he meets less, he has saved the day, perhaps won a victory. They are all of one profession—arms. As children their first toys are wooden arms, their first instruction the play of the sword and the spear. Whatever else as men they may be—priest, farmer, robber, pirate, merchant, lawyer—they are always, first, soldiers.

For a young man to lose his creese means to lose his right to marry, and it is the desire of all to die creese in hand. In fear of loss they sleep on these precious arms or with them tied to the body. For the same reason their cannon are kept lashed to timbers in their houses.

Firearms, indeed, are their main danger with civilized people. If they see the opportunity thereby to secure such arms, Moros can never resist the temptation to rob and murder. To get them they will risk all, lose all and never whimper. To them without the best arms death were preferable.—Major R. L. Ballard in Metropolitan.

## The Inns of Old England.

Efforts were continually being made in England to keep down the number of inns. In the reign of Edward I. there were only three in the whole of London. Even in 1552 no more than forty were legally permitted in the metropolis, now spreading out its boundaries on every side. York might have eight, Norwich, Exeter and Cambridge four, Bristol six and Oxford three. These regulations must have been set at naught in a very wholesale manner, for half a century later there were 400 "houses of call" in that part of London known as the City and no fewer than twenty-four clustered round Covent Garden. In medieval times it was ruled that no "victualer" was eligible for the office of mayor, and this term included an innkeeper.

## Thackeray and Dickens.

This is the way George Henry Lewes once characterized Thackeray and Dickens in the way of service to a friend: Dickens, he said, would not give you a farthing of money, but he would take no end of trouble for you. He would spend a whole day, for instance, in looking for the most suitable lodgings for you and would spare himself neither time nor fatigue. Thackeray would take two hours' grumbling indecision and hesitation in writing a two line testimonial, but he would put his hand into his pocket and give you a handful of gold and bank notes if you wanted them.

## Bowling.

Bowling is one of our games that originated in the middle ages. The exact date of its introduction is obscure, but it has been clearly traced to the thirteenth century. The first bowling greens were made in England. In bad weather these could not be used to advantage, and this led to the construction of covered bowling alleys.

## Hard Luck.

Caller—I have here several bills which are long overdue. Hardup (desperately)—I am sorry to say that our cashier is out today. Caller—Oh, well, it doesn't make much difference. I'll call and pay them at some future date. Good day, sir.

## His Best Bedroom.

An American physician says that while in England he saw a vaulted tomb in a London cemetery which had the following inscription engraved on the door:

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## The Lid Off.

Johnnie—Say, pa, who was Pandora? Johnnie's Pa—Pandora, my son, was a little girl who started a lot of trouble because she didn't keep the lid down.—Princeton Tiger.

There is certainly something of exquisite kindness and thoughtful benevolence in that rarest of gifts, fine breeding.—Bulwer.

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## Love's Young Dream.

She was waiting for him at the door when he returned home from business, and he clasped her in his arms. The honeymoon was over, and they had been just three weeks in their new flat. Her delicious dinners had not yet proved all that he had hoped for, but he was good natured about it because their servant was little more than a girl. The bride was looking after the cooking herself.

"Oh, Dick," she said as she took his hat, coat and bundle of newspapers. "I've had such a delightful day! Florence has been here, and she was delighted with our cozy corner, as she called it. Then we went out shopping together, and I've the loveliest!"

"Yes, yes, dear," he said, "but you can tell me all about it at dinner. I'm a little hungrier than usual tonight, and why, what's the matter?"

"Dick," she tremblingly said, "I've—"

"There, never mind, dear, if you have spent a little more money than you should have done. We'll make it up somehow."

"But, Dick, I've let the girl out for the evening, and—"

"Oh, never mind the girl. We'll wait on ourselves, and I'll help you to wash the dishes. There now."

"But, Dick, dear, I've been so busy I've forgotten the dinner!"—London Tit-Bits.

## The Nazareth of Today.

Nazareth, where Jesus spent his boyhood, calls to mind a picture of a hazy, half mystical village of the far east. The Palestine of today is a network of railroads and telegraph wires. Modern hotels with elevators and bell boys now occupy sacred places of history. Cafes stand where once the hosts of Israel fought, contending with charlots and horsemen. The awkward camel back is transplanted by the compartment car. One would look in vain for the hospitable villager standing at the door of his humble flat roofed home. Tall, slanting, roofed buildings predominate, with fresh red tiles imported from France. In a prominent place on the brow of a hill stands the English orphanage, which provides for the education of the orphans of Palestine. English and Arabic are taught here as well as housekeeping and needlework. A telegraph station, with an Armenian operator in citizen's dress, keeps Nazareth in touch with the world.

## Quieted the Barber.

A distinguished senator from the northwest strolled into the barber shop in the senate wing one day for a shave. The chairs were all occupied. The statesman, seeing this, started to go out, with the idea of returning a little later, but the head barber of the tonsorial parlor sought to detain the senator. He called after him in a rather strident tone:

"You're the next, senator!"

The northwestern senator wheeled about, assuming a sad smile, placed a hand over his fast pulsating heart as though the throbbing there pained him and said to the head barber:

"Be good enough not to remind me of that any oftener than you can help. I understand fully that I am tabbed, but permit me to enjoy what peace I may until the blow falls."

And the occupants of the chairs chuckled under their soapy masks.—American Spectator.

## The Ostrich.

Instead of being a stupid bird the ostrich is one of the wisest and most wary. About the dwellings of white settlers, who have neither the time nor the inclination to disturb him, he becomes so tame that he unconsciously mingles with the poultry and milk cows as if he, too, were domesticated. He is always fearful of men on horseback, but is not at all disturbed by the approach of people on foot unless they are followed by dogs. These he greatly fears. On the plains he often associates with the deer or the guanaco, and an alarm of any kind will send them rushing away together.

## The Snipe's Bill.

The bill of the snipe is provided with a nerve running down to the tip and then distributing itself over the end of the beak. This is the only instance of this kind among birds and is a singular case of the care of nature in providing for her creatures. The snipe seeks for his prey in mud and water, where he cannot see, and it is believed that the nerve advises him of the presence of food when his eyes give him no information.

## Feminine Distinctions.

"I would rather marry a sugar magnate than be the wife of a coal president."

"Even if the coal president had more money?"

"Yes, you see, sugar is more refined than coal."—Baltimore American.

## Enjoyed It.

"Look at that Boston girl at the phonograph. She is actually smiling."

"Yes, she is listening to Professor Benson's delightful dissertation on the 'Pungent Diseases That Attack the Larvae of the Brown Tail Moth.'"

## Wisdom.

Wisdom never opens her doors to those who are not willing to pay the price of admission. There are no bargains at her counters, no short cuts to her goal. "Pay the price or leave the goods" is her motto.—Success Magazine.

## Wanted Action.

Bobby—Mother, can I go out and play with the Jones boy? Mother—No; he doesn't go to church! Bobby—Well, can I go out and punch him in the nose for not going to church?—Boston Post.

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## Mr. Editor:

For sometimes I have wondered why some of the Middleburg boys have not furnished you with the weekly happenings of our Mill Village. If this appears in this week's issue, and it is agreeable with you, I will endeavor to do so occasionally.

To those desiring to move from the country to the Mill, will say, they could not find a better place than Middleburg. We have been all over the State in the mill business, and is back at Middleburg, this time to stay. The moral standing of our village is far above the average mill town anywhere where to be found.

Mr. W. C. Farber, vice-president, has just returned from a three week's visit to New York and other points north.

The night school—a class in mathematics, only—conducted by C. W. Aldridge, is progressing nicely, and all concerned take an interest in the work.

We were all sorry to learn of Mr. W. C. Whitman's misfortune; he lost a very fine milk cow last week.

The health of our village is good.

Mr. C. W. Aldridge paid his usual weekly visit to Graniteville to see his family Saturday and returned all smiles, "it's a girl."

WELL WISHER.

## Atmospheric and Water Pressure.

The earth's surface is the plane of demarcation for atmospheric and water pressure. The barometer indicates increased pressure as we go down in mines and decreased pressure in ascending in the air. Water also increases in pressure as directly as the distance beneath the surface of the sea. The atmosphere has no known difference in composition at the greatest heights observed. It is its lightness or rarity that affects the lungs at great heights.

## The Usual Way.

"What's the cause of the coolness between the Bilkins and the Pilkins families?"

"Young Bilkins became engaged to one of the Pilkins girls."

"Yes."

"And now each family thinks its offspring is getting all the worst of it."—London Lady.

## The Peril of It.

A lady at whose house Leigh Hunt was dining solicitously said to him at dessert:

"Don't you ever venture on an orange?"

"I should be delighted to do so, my dear madam," the poet replied, "but I'm so afraid I should tumble off."

## His Previous Existence.

Guthrie—Look here, Zapfer, do you believe in the transmigration of souls? Zapfer—No. Do you? Guthrie—Most certainly I do, and I am thoroughly convinced that I was an ass at the time I lent you that ten pound note.—London Telegraph.

## Postmortem.

Friend of the Family—Your rich old uncle died of softening of the brain, I hear. Arduick (who got nothing): Softening of your granny! He died of ossification of the heart.—Chicago Tribune.

Dead counselors are the most instructive because they are heard with patience and reverence.—Johnson.

## COURT IN AIKEN.

## MR. SAMMUELS ACQUITT OF KILLING A NEGRO--NEGRO WANTED IN AIKEN ARRESTED IN GEORGIA.

Aiken, October 9.—Special: Owing to the sickness of Solicitor Da Court adjourned last night for the balance of the week.

The first case called for trial yesterday was that of Mr. Musco Sammuels for killing a negro, William Johnson, some time ago here in the city, while on police duty. Mr. R. L. Gunter was appointed to prosecute the case in the solicitor's absence. Several witnesses for the State were not present, Messrs Henderson, who represented the defendant, consented to the testimony taken at the inquest being read, which was done.

The testimony was in effect, that Mr. Sammuels went to a negro house upon call to arrest Johnson, who was a negro of bad repute, and had been raising a fuss. The negro was locked in his house and refused to come out, and dared the officer to come in. The chief of police was sent for and the horse was broken open and Johnson arrested. He was turned over to Sammuels, who started off with him all right, but after going a short distance he began resisting and trying to get away. Finally he grabbed the officer's pistol and attempted to shoot him, but Mr. Sammuels, by his strength, kept it pointed from him and finally turned it upon the negro and fired.

After hearing the testimony the acting solicitor consented to a verdict of not guilty, and the Judge ordered the foreman to sign a verdict to that effect.

The next case was that against R. O. Gregory, charged with larceny of live stock. After being out several hours the jury failed to agree and a mistrial resulted. Court then adjourned until next Monday.

Yesterday Sheriff Raborn received a telegram from Newman, Ga. stating that a negro named Brooks, who is wanted here, has been arrested there. Brooks is wanted for disposing of a horse and wagon belonging to Mr. J. S. Repley, of Shaw Township, this county. The sheriff left this afternoon to bring the negro to Aiken.

Dan Rowe, a negro, who was convicted ten years ago in the Aiken Court of manslaughter, and sentenced to fourteen years in the State Penitentiary, has been pardoned by the board in Columbia on account of his good behavior.

In order to break up the practice of drunken men firing pistols at random in the city, Mayor Sully has offered to pay half the fines to anyone who will give evidence to convict the guilty ones, and if they are convicted they may be sure of being heavily fined. As this form of lawlessness is getting very common, and it is the determination of the city authorities to break it up.—News and Courier.

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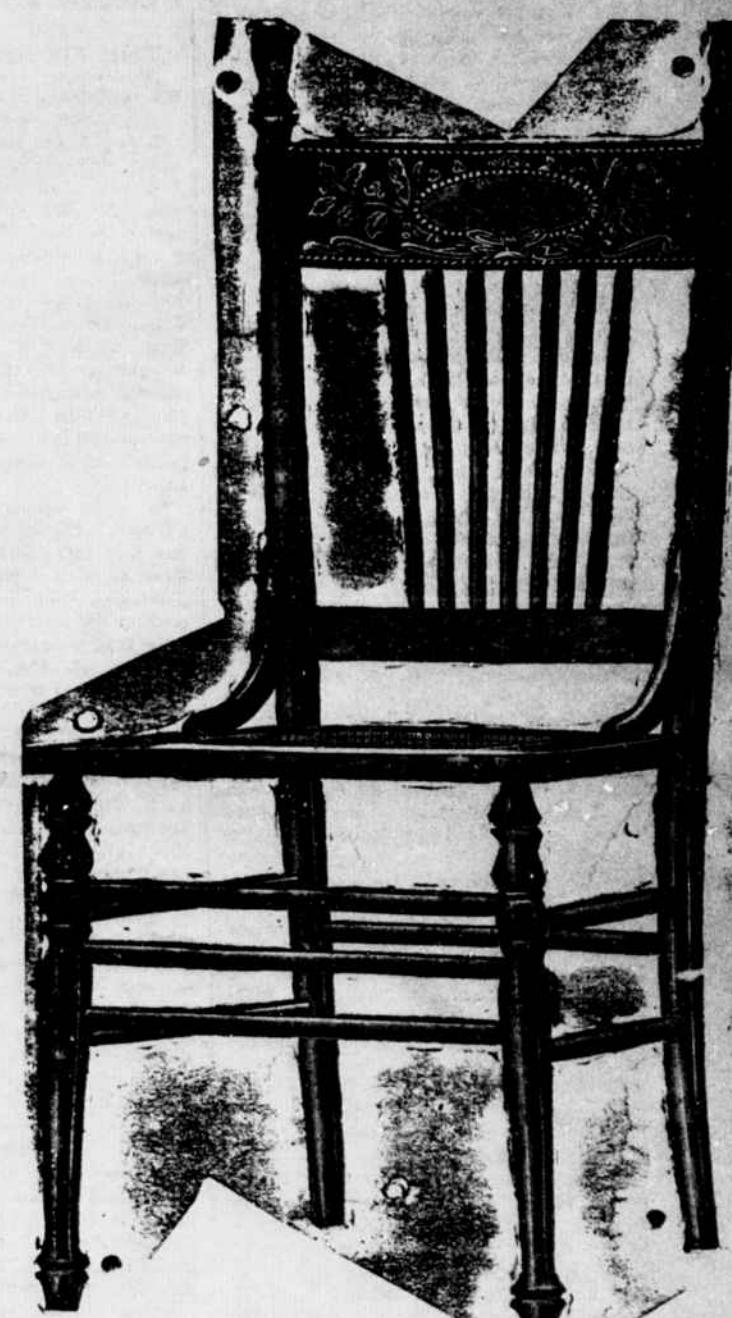
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## GALA WEEK IN CHARLESTON.

The following programme has been decided upon for Charleston's Gala Week, November 5 to 10.

Monday, November 5—Opening of the Southern Poultry and Pet Stock Show, 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. Grand illumination and decoration of King street. Spectacular and realistic entertainment "Fighting the Flames." Charleston fire department.

Tuesday—This will be "Circus Day." Barnum & Bailey's Great Shows will be in town and give a parade in the morning and performance afternoon noon and night. The Poultry Show will be in town and give a parade in the morning and performance afternoon and night. The Poultry Show will be going on all day up to 10 P. M. "Fighting the Flames" will be repeated.

Wednesday—"Military Day." Competitive "guard mount" by squads representing the nine battalions of Infantry of the South Carolina National Guard, on Marion Square in the afternoon. Parade and review of the troops at the conclusion of the competition. Band concerts on streets in morning.

Wednesday Night—Pain's pyrotechnic

display and aquatic carnival off the Battery. The most gorgeous and beautiful fireworks exhibition ever seen in the South is promised. The Poultry and Pet Stock show continues.

Thursday—Band concerts on streets and square, morning. Parade of Charleston's splendid fire department in the afternoon. Poultry Show all day.

Thursday Night—Trades display and fantastic parade. "Fighting the Flames."

Saturday—There will be another exhibition of "Fighting the Flames" and the Poultry Show will be still on, and this will be particularly interesting on account of the fact that the ribbons and honors will be awarded.

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